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Applicant:	Bernard R. Ador	Examiner:	
Serial No.:	10/023,485	Group Art Unit:	3634
Filed:	October 30, 2001	Docket No.:	225P10US01
Title:	PERSONAL SAFETY DEVICE FOR A VERTICAL ROPE		

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report to show the relevance of the non-English patents.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.97(b))  
Form PTO-1449  
Copy of Search Report  
Copies of Five (5) Prior Art Patents  
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